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## Target bans Salvation Army bell ringers



Target banned all soliciting from their sidewalks, including helpful organizations like Salvation Army who collect for the needy around Christmas time. Photo by Contessa Crisostomo

By John Hensley  
Staff Writer

During the hustle and bustle of the season, many are preoccupied with party preparations and often forget the true meaning of the holidays.

The Salvation Army has been supplying food, shelter and spiritual guidance to those less fortunate since 1865.

"We do what we do because of volunteers," said Shari Tracy, the Salisbury Salvation Army Director of Social Services. "People who give up their time and energy to get everything ready, or people who

can, give from their pockets to help support all the things that are needed."

Tracy said they are serving 1000 families this Christmas and help is needed now more than ever. "We have many SU students volunteer, but could always use more with it being Christmas."

Donations are needed for the Share the Warmth and New Book programs. Share the Warmth provides children with coats, gloves, and other winter gear. New toys are also being accepted.

The bell ringers will be accepting

donations from area shoppers as always, but some collection locations have changed. Target stores nationwide, due to a no solicitation policy, will not permit any organization, including the Salvation Army to ask for contributions.

"In years past we have always allowed the Salvation Army to bell ring in front of our stores," said Chris Hartman, manager of the Salisbury Target. "But we were receiving an increasing number of requests from other groups, and because of our policy we had to

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Rising crime rate lands Wicomico county second in the state

Local police say students should take necessary precautions to stay safe

By Laren Hughes  
News Editor

According to Maryland State Police Wicomico County is second highest in crime per capita in the state- a statistic that many local residents and incoming students are unaware of.

"I didn't think Salisbury was dangerous but once I moved here I started to think differently," said junior Corey Hall. "There are definitely parts of town that you want to stay away from."

Most students do not live on campus; instead they reside in apartments and cheap rental houses. Some live in bad neighborhoods because they do not research the area. Others choose money over safety.

"Students come from big cities and think they're safe but unfortunately they're not," said Trooper First Class Pardoe. "It's like a miniature Baltimore here."

Crime in Salisbury is increasing and students are often targeted regardless of where they live.

"It doesn't matter where you are," said Pardoe. "There are a lot of people out there that are just preying on people."

On Nov. 12, a student was raped in her Emerson Avenue home.

"Looks can be deceiving," said University Police Chief Jim Phillips. "Emerson Avenue is a nice residential neighborhood and the house was a new house."

According to Maryland State Police there are many crime hotspots throughout the city and the number of students who rely on home alarm systems has increased in recent years.

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# NEWS

## 'Tis the season to help those who are less fortunate

By: Meredith Maguire  
Staff writer

Salisbury University, in collaboration with the Shore Can Volunteers and Toys for Tots, is helping to make this holiday season more enjoyable for those less fortunate.

"I think more than ever, the holidays are an important time of year to be generous and to give back to the community," said Junior Stacy Kubaska.

There are plenty of opportunities for students and faculty to contribute here on campus."

April Tull, a Shore Can Volunteer, founded the Angel Tree Network this year.

"I needed something that was easy, that would involve the whole community with minimal resources, because we work strictly from donations," said Tull.

The Retired Senior Volunteer

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make it apply across the board."

Hartman said it is unfortunate because the Salvation Army is such a worthy group, and that the solicitation policy will not diminish Target's commitment to the community.

"Target donates over two million dollars a week to support local communities," said Hartman. "At Christmas time we donate trees to the United Way, along with our Holiday Helpers program," which provides seniors, and guests with disabilities, two hours of shopping assistance.

"Target's decision is disappointing, but I can understand their position," said Major Candice Biggers of the Salvation Army.

Biggers said that area Target employees are giving \$250 dollars worth of toys to the Salvation Army this Christmas.

Bell ringers will be collecting donations throughout the

community, and they do need volunteers. "We have a lot of open spots on weekdays," said Biggers. "We need all the help we can get."

Bell ringing will continue until Dec. 21. Gift packing and distributing will be held Dec. 13-17 from 9a.m.-12p.m. and 1-3p.m. Anyone wishing volunteer or make a donation can call (410) 749-3077 or (410) 749-7771.

"We have to do a whole lot in a short period of time," said Tracy. "I'd love to have some young strong backs that can pack the 1000 food bags I need packed."

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Phillips said students are now more aware of their surroundings than in previous years because University Police is "doing a better job of reporting and publicizing crime."

Students need to be aware of their surroundings at all times. Pardoe said students, especially females,

should partake in self-defense classes. Those who devise a plan before facing an attacker are better prepared and more likely to break free. The program instructors "can't give you the exact scenario but you need to have an idea of what's going to work for you," said Pardoe.

The local police departments work in conjunction with University Police to provide a safe environment for citizens. Phillips urges students, especially in emergency situations, to use the blue light phones located on campus, and to call the escort service at extension 36222 when walking alone at night. This could prevent a potentially harmful situation.

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# NEWS

## News Briefs

### WINTERFEST OFFERS

### FINE WINE TASTING

Salisbury's first ever Winterfest will be held Tuesday in the Wicomico Room. Guests may taste fine wines or enjoy winter brews. Crab balls, meat balls and pepperoni bread are just a few of the delectable foods that will be served. Wine tasting tickets are \$10 and include four wine tastings and one glass of wine of choice. Tickets for food and punch are \$5. Guests are asked to bring cash. All proceeds of the event will go to the Rotaract Club's adopted family of the season.

### OFFICE OF ATTORNEY

### GENERAL OFFERS INTERNSHIPS

Real world experience in business, government, health care, law and conflict resolution is available at The Maryland Attorney General's Customer Protection Division. Internships to compete April 2, 2005 in

the upcoming Miss Teen Maryland International Pageant. Applicants must be between the ages of 13 through 19. All contestants will compete in Personal Interview, Physical Fitness, Fashion Wear, Evening Gown and Platform, (no swimsuit or talent). The winner will receive an expense paid trip to Chicago Illinois. For further information, call the State Director, Sherry Benson at 410-643-8306 or 410-490-0879 or e-mail at [mrsmaryland@msn.com](mailto:mrsmaryland@msn.com). Applicants must be a resident of Maryland or a student in Maryland.

### PHI KAPPA PHI OFFERS

### S T U D Y - A B R O A D

GRANTS. Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society is offering study/internship abroad grants to recognize and assist undergraduates as they seek knowledge and experience in their academic fields by studying or interning abroad. Thirty-eight grants valued at \$1,000 each are awarded annually. Applicants must be undergraduates with between 56 and 90 earned credits and a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. Applicants must be accepted into a study/internship abroad program relevant

to their major or career choice at the time of application. Programs must begin no earlier than May 1, 2005 and end no later than June 30, 2006. Both members and non-members of Phi Kappa Phi are eligible and you must have two semesters remaining in residence at your home institution after completing the study/internship abroad experience. Applications are available in International Student Services Office, Room 242E, GUC or by visiting [www.phikappaphi.org](http://www.phikappaphi.org). The deadline for applying is January 15, 2005.

## Correction:

The Flyer apologizes for a mistake in the senior art show article that ran on the front page last Monday. The President's award was reported for Dec. 17's closing reception. This is false. It will actually be on Dec. 8 at 4 P.M.

## Classifieds

Spring Break 2005- Hiring Reps!! Free Meals!! Nov. 6th Deadline! Free trips for groups. Hottest destinations and parties [www.sunplashtrips.com](http://www.sunplashtrips.com) (800) 426-7710

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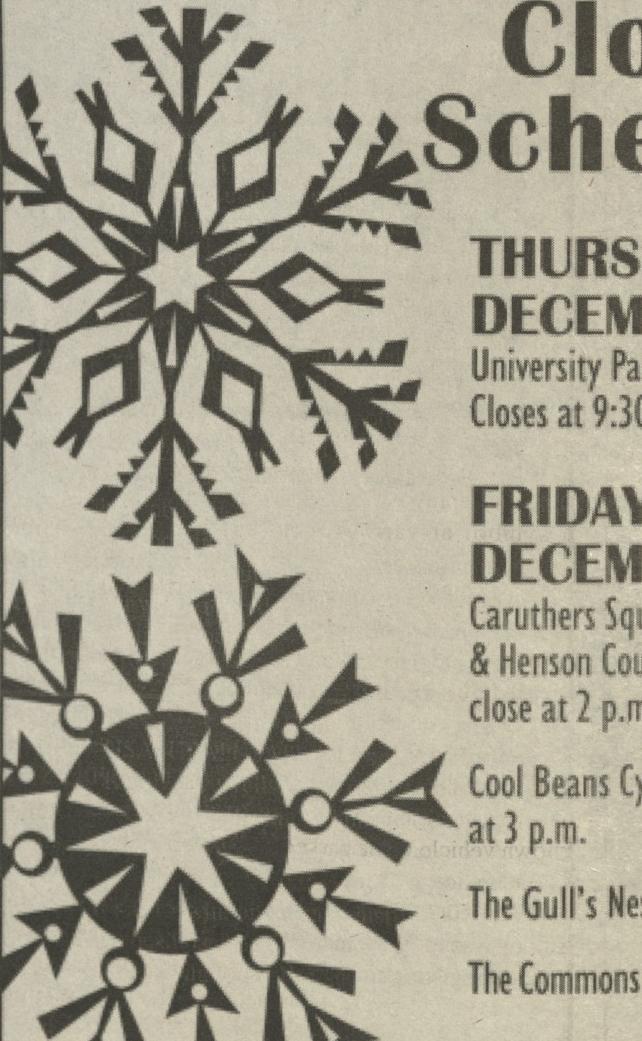
Room(s) for Rent: 2 Available  
\$400/mo. utilities included  
6 miles from campus  
Quiet neighborhood: non-smokers only  
Owner has a dog  
(410) 219-2617

# Don't Forget!



Your Dining Dollars expire on December 17, 2004 so please spend them! Check your balance on-line at [gullcard.salisbury.edu](http://gullcard.salisbury.edu)

## End-of-Semester Closing Schedule



**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16**  
University Park last night open.  
Closes at 9:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17**  
Caruthers Square, Fulton Plaza & Henson Court Satellite Dining close at 2 p.m.

Cool Beans Cyber Café closes at 3 p.m.

The Gull's Nest closes at 3 p.m.

The Commons closes at 3:30 p.m.

## Salisbury Crime Beat

11/14/04 2:53PM Marijuana Complaint University police responded to a call of the odor of burning marijuana coming from a room in Choptank Hall. There were two residents and visitors were in the room at the time. Administrative action is pending.

11/16/04 4:45AM Vandalism What appears to be "can of snow" spray was used to make a symbol at various locations around campus.

11/18/04 9:30AM Hit and Run A student reported that a vehicle was damaged by an unknown vehicle while parked in the Caruthers lot.

11/18/04 12:15PM Hit and Run A student reported that a vehicle was damaged by an unknown vehicle while parked in the Caruthers lot.

11/21/04 4:00PM Tampering with Motor Vehicle/Vandalism A resident of St. Martin Hall reported that exterior rear view mirrors were broken-off of a vehicle while parked in the Chesapeake lot.

## Holiday gift ideas that won't break the bank

By Katie Adams  
Staff Writer

The holiday season is rapidly approaching and SU students are searching for gift ideas. Finding the perfect gift to fit in a budget can be tricky.

Some of this year's most popular gifts are trendy purses, UGG boots, off-the-shoulder sweaters, The Lord of the Rings DVD box set, The Harry Potter DVD box set, and electronics including the Blackberry and Apple iPod. Jewelry is also popular, especially long dressy earrings.

"Being a college student means not having a lot of money and it is difficult when the holidays come around because there are so many people on my shopping list and so little money in my wallet," said senior Samantha Wood.

All of these gift ideas are rather expensive. Students can purchase similar, more affordable items by finding bargains or making their presents. Designer purses are costly but imitations can be found in mall kiosks. They look like the real thing, minus the high price. UGG boots can cost nearly \$200, but



*The Atrium Gallery, located next to Cool Beans, offers a wide variety of gifts for this Holiday Season. Photo by Contessa Crisostomo.*

it is easy for students to find lovely hand-crafted gifts.

To find other great gift ideas visit the local mall's website at

[www.centrealsbury.com](http://www.centrealsbury.com), or purchase a gift certificate from a loved one's favorite restaurant or clothing store.

"Gift cards are coming back in a big way, give a gift card, get a smile," said Dave Larrimore, waiter at Ruby Tuesdays.

## SU gears up for large group of December grads

By Charles Bloom  
Staff Writer

Fall Commencement will take place on Saturday, December 18 at the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center.

A commencement address will be given by student Kristen Johns and alumni awards will be presented to Delegate Talmadge Branch and attorney Hugh Hanson.

Those who complete their degree requirements at the close of the summer or winter terms participate in December commencement exercises. Approximately 440 of this year's December graduates met their degree requirements during summer term.

According to the Registrars Office, of those 440 participants, 140 will be receiving a Bachelor of Arts, 3 a Bachelor of Social Work, 10 a Bachelor of Fine Arts, 207 a Bachelor of Science and 80 will be receiving Masters Degrees.

About one-third of the 1,200 students who are expected to graduate this year will receive their degree in December. The Wicomico Youth and Civic Center,

the largest venue in Salisbury, provides enough seating for all who are invited to attend.

Graduates receiving their degrees in December will be the first to fall under the new policy requiring a higher GPA to qualify for honors recognition. Cum laude is increased by .2 points, while magna and summa are each increased by .1 points. Sixty people will be graduating with honors during this semester's ceremony, including 17 who will be receiving summa cum laude, the highest honor.

Receiving honors, like receiving a degree, is tentative pending a review of final grades. Walking across the stage indicates that graduation requirements most likely will be fulfilled, but does not guarantee a degree.

One of the students slated to receive summa cum laude recognition is commencement speaker Kristen Johns. She was awarded the opportunity after submitting her resume and a 3-5 minute speech to the selection committee. "I had a message to

share with graduating students. I thought it was important and was hoping that I would get the chance," said Johns. Her speech is based on an anthropology course she took the first semester of her freshman year. "It's about rights of passage. College is a right of passage in our society and everything we learned in college, both inside and outside the classroom," said Johns.

She credits the University, her professors and numerous others she has encountered during her four years with changing her in a positive way. "I've learned so much at Salisbury. Being able to give this address is an honor, definitely an honor," said Johns.

Johns is president of the Conflict Resolution Club, Secretary of the Psychology Club, an All-American Scholar, and a member of numerous national honor societies. After graduating with majors in psychology and conflict analysis and dispute resolution, she intends to work at the Salisbury University Center for Conflict Resolution.

Alumni awards will be presented during commencement. Branch, of Maryland's 45th Legislative District, Baltimore City will be receiving the Service to Society award. A liberal studies graduate from Salisbury University in 1980, Branch worked as a special assistant to Maryland's first African-American congressman, Parren Mitchell, and a representative to Baltimore's first African-American Mayor, Kurt Schmoke. He has worked extensively to eliminate guns and drugs from schools and to enhance employment opportunities throughout the state.

Hanson, a 1968 graduate, has served as President of the Alumni Association's Board of Directors from 1999 to 2001. He will be receiving the Alumni Service Award. Under his leadership, a record number of alumni participated in events such as Homecoming, Family Weekend and the FUNDay Festival for University Neighbors. Hanson works in Salisbury as a member of

the law firm Cullen, Insley, Hanson and Benson, LLP. He has been on the Wicomico Humane Society's board and a member of the Allenwood Neighborhood Association.

Presenting the awards will be

current Alumni Board President Sara Wolff. SU President James Dudley-Eshbach, Deans of the various University Schools, and the Honorable Lewis Riley from the Maryland Board of Regents will be in attendance.

This December, Salisbury University will continue its tradition of having the highest graduation rates in the University System of Maryland. SU has had the highest percentage of four-year graduates for the past 17 years, and the highest percentage of six-year graduates for the past 9 years. These rates are considered indicative of the quality of student life at SU, student satisfaction, and the quality of education they receive at this institution.

## OPINION

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### Letter to the Editor: Student concerned with quality and direction of *The Flyer*

Dear Editor:

**Wanted:** School newspaper for a respectable state university. Only serious inquiries please.

Okay, there have been a few shifts in the office of the *Flyer*. And sure it's easy to criticize when I'm not an active participant, a sofa quarterback if you will, but wow. Apparently the layout editor was absent on this last edition, so *kudos* on getting it together and on the stands.

But where oh where is the *article* to explain the huge photo of the Saferide bus in a ditch? It seems appropriate to have some explanation of a ginormous front page photo. I do not wish to insult any individual contributors, so I will only voice my general discontentment with the direction our *Flyer* is heading. I know how boring politics and religion are to people contributing their huge essays each week and that's not good either. But I would rather listen to that

born-again-liberalphobe from the computer science dept. than subject myself to another reading like that one of last week's issue. There has to be some kind of a balance where the student voice can have worldly discussions as well as pop-culture idolatry. But this voice sounds like it's going through that curious period in a young newspaper's life when it's too interested in pop-icons and it's growing

fine print in funny places. Together I think we can work through this tough time, but for now, let's have more interviews like the WSUR one, and less Clay-esque superficiality.

Thanks

Matt Evans

### Letter to the Editor Policy

Letters to the editor are welcome and encouraged but must be brief. Keep letters to 250 words or less. Letters that

are longer will not be published. Include name, year and major (if student) or name and department (if faculty.)

Send letters via e-mail to [flyer@salisbury.edu](mailto:flyer@salisbury.edu), subject line: Letter to the Editor. All letters become property of The Flyer and may be edited for space and content.

## Attention GREEKS

**The Flyer would like to re-open the**

**GREEK FORUM**  
**next semester, so please spread the word and look for more information to come in the Spring semester.**

## A letter to *The Flyer's* readers

Hello Salisbury University, My name is Laura D'Alessandro. I am the Editor in Chief of your student paper. I thought I would finally address the students and readers of *The Flyer*.

First, let me introduce myself. This is my second year of college, I have worked with professional newspapers for two years and I am a journalism major.

Focusing on management, content, quality, layout and implementing new policy all at the same time has been a difficult task. I do, however, think in the end we are coming out on top. I apologize to the readers who were disappointed with the display of the SafeRide photo without a story from last week's issue. If anyone is dissatisfied with the content of *The Flyer*, I implore you: Please Come Write for Us! *The Flyer* is

great work experience for writers, photographers, cartoonists, finance and marketing majors.

In addition, *The Flyer* has a lot to offer you. *The Flyer* and I will be spending some quality time together over the Winter Session.

With the help and input of the staff and a few professionals, *The Flyer* will have a brand new look for the next semester. If there is anything you'd really like to see, please drop us an e-mail at [flyer@salisbury.edu](mailto:flyer@salisbury.edu). I'll be working all winter and your direction is welcome. *The Flyer* wants to be the voice of this campus, so your input is not only important to us; it is necessary.

Thank you and I look forward to another semester serving the campus,

Laura D'Alessandro

## THE FEED

Got something to say?

Tell us:

Mouth off to [flyer@salisbury.edu](mailto:flyer@salisbury.edu)  
or call our voicemail at (410) 543-6191  
(x36191)

This is an anonymous forum, so feel free to tell us what you think about any issue, whether it's tuition increases, awesome teachers, Election 2004, abortion, or even what you had for breakfast today.

## Flyer Opinion Section policy:

The Flyer is a student publication designed to provide timely reporting of events to the Salisbury University community and a medium of communication for students. It is published every Monday evening for the first 13 weeks of the Fall and Spring semester. The Flyer deadlines are strictly Fridays at 3 p.m. Any material submitted later than then is subject to dismissal. As a communications body, The Flyer reserves the right to edit any submitted text for publication. The Flyer does not discriminate based on age, color, handicap, marital status, race, gender or sexual orientation.

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## Kevin's Punkin Chunkin adventures

A personal account of Punkin Chunkin says International pumpkin hurling event is not what it's cracked up to be.

By Kevin Froehlich  
Sports Editor

It's 10:45 a.m. Saturday November 6 and I have just drunk my first sip of Bud Light. I am a god.

Staring out the back left window of Galen's silver GMC Yukon speeding down Route 13, I ponder how this all came to be.

"What the hell is Punkin' Chunkin'?" I asked Jace on Friday over the phone.

"It's where a bunch of people come and launch pumpkins thousands of feet," he replied.

"Sounds fantastic. You suck for suggesting this."

"Dude, you don't go there for the pumpkins," he said. "You go there to drink beer, grill out and talk s--- to rednecks. It's a great time, and you're going."

"Fair enough."

So there I was, packed in the backseat with Jennifer and Courtney – two girls I had never met before until that morning – drinking off my hangover. All of us – including Sean, Ernie and Brandon (who were riding with us), and Morgia's crew of Sutton, Johnson and Andy (who were following in Morgia's Jeep Cherokee) – agreed to meet in front of Salisbury University's Maggs Gymnasium at ten, which meant I had to wake at nine, so naturally I drank until three that morning. I tried a hot shower, a chocolate chip granola bar, even a bottle of water and two Advil, yet only the smooth, crisp, refreshing taste of a cold Bud Light could calm the thimble-smashing monkeys inhabiting my brain.

Millsboro, Delaware was the sight for the 2004 World Championship Punkin' Chunkin', as it's called. Contestants from all around the nation gather in a large field in Sussex County to see who can shoot their pumpkins the farthest... (listen, if you want more information about it, go to [www.punkinchunkin.com](http://www.punkinchunkin.com)). Do you think I actually went to cover the competition? I was there to see idiots, counting myself among the finest. Going to Punkin' Chunkin'

and actually covering it journalistically is like going to a strip club and actually treating the strippers respectfully. Taking shots of grain alcohol while smashing a hammer on my head and watching *The OC* and *Laguna Beach* simultaneously would be more intelligent.

Jace was in the front passenger's seat giving directions to Galen since he was the only one who knew how to get there. Problem was (and this was the first of many on the day), that by 11:24 Jace had already taken two Budweiser 40s to the head and was drunk again, and he didn't know which way to turn on Route 113.

"What do you mean you don't remember north or south on 113?" Galen asked, wide-eyed.

"Yeah, it's Delaware. It can't be that hard to figure out where you're going," I chimed in.

"F--- you, K-fro," Jace shot back.

"You're the one who said that there's only like three beer stores in the entire state. It can't be that hard to realize where you are," I answered.

"Shut up. You know what?" he said, taking a healthy chug from his bottle. "South. Go south."

"Are you sure?" Galen said.  
"Just go south!"

Lucky for Jace south was the correct direction. To congratulate himself, when we stopped at a red light, he had Sean jump out and get two brews from Morgia's. None for the rest of us mind you, just for him. My mouth was parched and I'm sure a few of the others wouldn't have minded some tasty adult beverages, either. Honestly, who brought this a---?

Finally we arrived, and as Andy later put it in his sarcastic way that only Vince Vaughn could match, "There's a chance this is a cornfield." Loose and old brown corn was scattered everywhere amongst the rocks and hay and dirt, like crushed cans and broken bottles on the morning lawn of a frat house. Except for the agricultural debris, it might have been an unpaved parking lot outside a pavilion. Surrounding the perimeter was a bare forest that



Team captain Michael Nelson, left, of Georgetown fired a "pie," a smashed pumpkin, from his air cannon as his father, Eric watched. Photo courtesy of the News Journal by Suchat Peterson.



Trevor Gort from Lewes, Del., who entertained the crowd with a pirate show took a quick nap under the ship's canon. Photo courtesy of the News Journal by Suchat Peterson.

stretched to the horizon. And gated off to the left of the lot was the arena, or whatever the hell you call a Punkin' Chunkin' playing field, peppered with remnants of brave pumpkins who's last thought before explosion was surely,

"Mark! You son-of-a-b---! I could've been a jack-o-lantern with crazy carvings but instead I listened to you!"

We did get a marquee parking spot, though, right next to the exit

lane that was adjacent to the woods. There was an entire woods to pee in, none of this port-a-potty crap.

Within minutes of mass imbibing we concluded it was time to head to the field and see what all the commotion was about. Galen, Sean, Johnson, and I rotated carrying the keg while Jace swung an American flag around mumbling gibberish interspersed with frequent Woooos! At the front line I saw it all. Countless people decked in pumpkin outfits or wearing pumpkin hats; enough Confederate flags swaying in the breeze to suggest maybe this was a secret Klan meeting; "Sweet Home Alabama" blaring from eight, yes eight, different trucks; dozens of Cushman's and mopeds that yearned to be real choppers racing through crowds like they were at Dover Speedway; and oh yeah, can't forget the mullets. So many,

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# THE FEED THE FEED THE FEED THE FEED

• We need more Christmas decorations on this campus! I'm not feeling the spirit here.

• FREE MARTHA STEWART!

• Why is reading day on a freaking Saturday and why are we moving in on a Tuesday? Is our weekend not sacred anymore? Let's start using normal calendar days.

• J. Dud., will you marry me? Meet me in the secret garden Saturday at 3 a.m.!

• What's up with the "Safe" ride van? First it gets pulled over and then it winds up in a ditch. There is no "safe" in that ride. ... or were Mike Phelps and Eshbach's son taking a joyride?

• They got my hopes all up on "Desperate Housewives," saying

they were going to kill someone, and then they only killed Martha.

• Whatever happened to midnight breakfast after the last day of classes? Might it have been the apocalyptic food fight back in the early 2000s?

• Fess up, Abby, you know you hit that woman with a stapler.

• Wal-Mart is a college student's best friend.

Except for the scary Santa at the front door. And the freaky-deaky people who go there.

• Yay for Salisbury finally getting a Facebook....even though it is a ghetto fab version.

• "Full House" Season One comes out February 8!

• John Cusack needs to do a nude scene in his

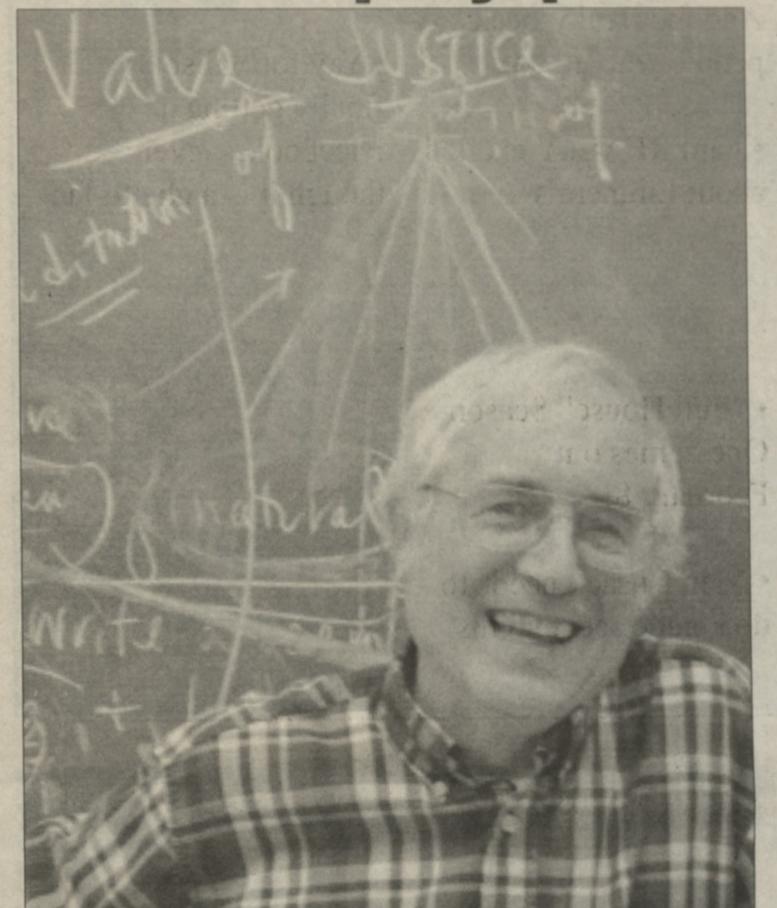
next movie. Who's with me?

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# FEATURES

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## Philosophy professor shares his thoughts



philosophy professor?

A: 32 years, all of them at SU. It's important for me to keep active as a philosopher. I spend a lot of time reading and writing; it's a constant process of stepping back from teaching and making my own new insights.

Q: Is this what you always envisioned yourself doing?

A: Once I discovered philosophy, yes. I feel this is more of a vocation or a calling. It's not kind of a career focused on advancement and social order. I love the interaction with the students.

Q: What is your favorite class to teach?

A: Actually, probably Intro to Philosophy. In that course the complete focus is on getting students engaged in the philosophizing process. I don't care what topics we talk about; the overriding concern is discussing ideas.

Q: Can everyone use philosophy, even those who aren't philosophy majors or minors?

A: Absolutely. I would say the most important thing in life is to

be a good person, not having a good career. Philosophy gives you the opportunity to reflect on life, and address questions about what's valuable and meaningful. It's for everybody.

Q: What would you say to people who are upset by the current situation in Iraq, or who are unhappy with the current political scene?

A: I bring ideas alive for students. A lot of philosophy is highly theoretical. Class should be a celebration of ideas, and I kind of try to involve students in that experience. The key to it is loving what you do, and being open with your love of ideas. The worst thing is to see a glazed look in students' eyes.

Q: You created quite a buzz at last year's Philosophy Jam with your rendition of "Teen Angel," do you plan a repeat performance for this year's Jam?

A: Lord knows. My daughter is learning the violin right now; she and I might team up and do "Oh Susannah."

Q: Word on the street is that you have quite the vocal talent. Why did you choose philosophy over a singing career?

A: Because I have absolutely no

musical talent. In fact, I have no artistic ability at all. I always tell my students "have enough genius to appreciate the genius of others." Although I suppose philosophy itself is kind of an art form.

Q: You're famous among students for your boundless energy and enthusiasm. Where does it come from?

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Q: What do you enjoy most about what you do?

A: I love when the process of philosophizing together in the class goes in kind of unexpected directions, and I don't know where it's going, and the students don't know where it's going, and we're all having insights. It's meaningful to talk to students one on one about issues (from class) and then try to apply them to their personal life.

## Students enjoying SU transportation should be more cautious

The shuttles that run between campus and University Park are blessings. Whether you are on your way to your cozy apartment, a friend's apartment, or an elegant cocktail party, being able to sit down and enjoy an effortless escape from the cold air is something to definitely be thankful for. But, few SU students take safety precautions when departing the shuttles or when driving around them in the parking lots.

To avoid being killed by a car traveling in the opposite direction of a vehicle, children are taught to walk to the opposite side of said vehicle. However, University Park residents file off the bus and walk directly in front of the vehicle to get to their next destination. They walk across the street, still warm from the heated interior of the cushioned paradise, passing the

front of the shuttle and barely escaping death.

Not everyone has had the pleasure of riding the shuttles, some of us have simply encountered them on the road and it is those very people who act slightly inconsiderate on the road. I have only made this assumption because of the willingness to pass a bus by crossing into a lane of on coming traffic, with the nonchalant pedestrians still walking in front of the shuttle. It is against the law to pass a bus, right? Perhaps I am wrong, but I do know that it is against the law to kill someone.

So please, to avoid killing someone, do not pass the shuttles and pay closer attention when exiting one. Be thankful for your life and the lives of others. Jordan Williams Freshman

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# A Black Friday shopping adventure

By: Abby Smith  
Staff Writer

Early in the morning on Nov. 26, the Thanksgiving feast had been consumed, leftovers were packed neatly away in Tupperware containers, and visiting relatives had returned to their homes. And people of questionable mental sanity were lined up outside malls and department stores across America, hoping to get some great Black Friday bargains.

The day after Thanksgiving, or Black Friday, is so named because it is historically the day when shoppers kick off their holiday shopping and retailers see a large jump in sales, which pushes them "into the black," or the profitable end of the margin. To encourage increased sales, retailers often have special Black Friday promotions or discounts and longer hours, with the major stores opening as early as 6 a.m. This reporter decided to get up early and hit the stores to see what all the fuss was about.

At 4:30 a.m., the line outside of Staples was just beginning to form, with about four dedicated shoppers already waiting. The flat panel computer monitor and \$99.00 digital camera were two of the main attractions for the shoppers. By the time the doors opened at 6 a.m., the crowd had become so monstrous that there was hardly room to walk inside the store.

This writer scrambled up and down the aisles to gather as many of the "free with rebate" items as possible despite whether they were good or not. The store turned into a madhouse as "techies" and geeks, and of course, yours truly, rushed up and down the aisle, vying for

the bargains and goods. Final inventory of the loot: an office shredder, universal remote control, surge protector, calculator, and phone, all free. All will most likely serve no practical purpose, but were free nonetheless.

As the hunt for deals continued, the scene at Staples started to resemble a contact sport more than a shopping excursion. Things got so out of control at one point that a woman got whacked in the face by an over-zealous shopper reaching for one of the last free personal laminating machines. This reporter feels lucky to have survived the melee with only two broken nails and a jammed finger. The pure disorder of customers scrambling to find sale items continued for at least an hour, and shoppers began leaving the store just after the sun began to rise.

One SU student admitted to getting up early on Black Friday to take advantage of the sales. "I got up at five to go to Wal-Mart, but I ended up just buying stuff for myself," she says.

Other students thought the idea of getting up before the sun to go shopping was absurd. "I think it's kinda weird. I mean, I like to shop and whatever, but I like to sleep more," says another student.

Although Black Friday has a reputation of boosting business, this year's reports indicate that some stores did not experience as large an increase in profits as expected. Wal-Mart is planning on lowering prices to make up for less than optimal Black Friday sales, in hopes of attracting more business, particularly those who leave their shopping until the last minute.

Whether or not students got up at the crack of dawn to brave Black

Friday to do holiday shopping, or prefer to wait till the last possible minute, they can be guaranteed great bargains for holiday shopping.



Lines were nothing short of outrageous on Black Friday. (Internet Photo)

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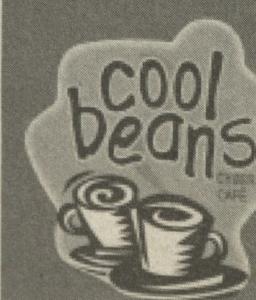
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# Recent studies show soda linked to cancer, osteoporosis

By: Megan Wintersteen  
Layout Editor

Every day a new campaign to discourage junk food consumption is broadcast to the public and although they are seen often, it has become a normality, which therefore deems the information tedious instead of effective. A recent study on possible carcinogenic effects of soda might be too disquieting to ignore.

According to many nutritionists, America's intake of soda has become more and more alarming over the years and recently, a team of digestive-disease doctors at a hospital in India have declared a study that soda may also be linked to esophageal cancer.

"In the study, researchers cited U.S. data that showed per capita consumption of carbonated drinks rose by more than 450 percent from 1974 to 2000, which signifies that in past averages approximately 10.8 gallons were consumed; whereas recently it has increased to 49.2 gallons. Within the same period, the esophageal cancer rate rose by more than 570 percent in white American men."

Others opt to eliminate carbonated drinks from their diet altogether. "I don't drink any soda. It gets me wired, and it's too carbonated for me," freshman Michelle Lopez says.

"In 2001, Americans spent over \$60 billion on carbonated soft drinks, and the average child drinks over 500 cans of soda a year."

All in all, as long as the public remains informed about the destructive effects carbonated drinks have on the body, then it becomes a matter of personal choice in whether or not health is a priority. Although with the alarming fact that osteoporosis is reaching epidemic proportions, perhaps it is more important to stress the significance of soda's harmful effects.

Esophageal cancer affects about 15,000 Americans per year and therefore many doctors consider the relationship between soda and esophageal cancer unrelated.

However,

soda has more damaging affects than many people perceive. "[I drink] probably about five to six cans of soda per week and I don't think it has any negative or positive side effects, unless it's at night and I can't get to sleep," says freshman Michelle Rideout.

On the contrary, the phosphorous found in soda leaches calcium from

# A venue for prayer and relaxation opens on campus

By: Lindsey Richman  
Staff Writer

Association. "This will add something to SU because this room has given an opportunity for all faiths to have a place to go on campus. Salisbury University previously did not have a set room open to all religious groups."

Members of one religious group formerly felt like they had to rush while through prayer.

"Scheduling is sometimes tight and ending a pray/worship service is something that cannot be rushed," says Catholic Campus Minister, Regina Yankalunas, MPS.

The group had experienced certain classrooms that were dirty and too close to a classroom setting.

When Williamson decided to have a meditation room, she left it up to each religious group on campus to decide where it should be located.

Each group looked for an appropriate setting and found that the reading room had the best potential for a meditation room.

"We all believe in God and that binds us," says Sehmina Chopra of SU's Muslim Student

classes or whenever they have free time.

A member of the Campus Ministry gave her opinion on the meditation room. "I think that expression of meditation is important to be in touch with, especially in the midst of such a jaded and secular world. Searching for truth through deep meditation should be something that everyone is in touch with," she says.

"I have a suggestion of the meditation room should be open to all sorts of different religions, a universal peace center, where people go to for their prayers, studying and worship," she adds. "It's exciting to see that someone is taking a stance in what they believe in. It shows that there is a passion for their beliefs and action that has been put forth."

Overall this room will bring all the faiths together. It will serve as a peaceful spot on campus where all are welcome; students can release their stress, sit in peace, and explore their spirituality.



## Question: Describe your worst winter break ever.

By Abby Smith, Staff Writer and Photos By Contessa Crisostomo



I got into a car accident.  
-Chris Hanyok, sophomore



Taking classes from 9 to 5 everyday.  
-Jessica Verman, senior



My girlfriend broke up with me.  
-David Livingston, freshman



Nothing really bad has ever happened.  
-Ashely Byrd, junior



I was sledding down Salisbury Park and ran into a tree.  
-Dustin Brime, junior



Last year because I had to work everyday. It really wasn't a break.  
-Hyun Scheninant, senior



My parents got divorced.  
-Randy Morris, freshman



Working all break at an animal hospital.  
-Kim Strobel, junior



Having to take classes.  
-Nina Nassar, senior



My very first winter break in Salisbury I didn't know anyone and it was so empty.  
-Mike Odesola, sophomore

## Real Campus Heroes V.2 Pt. 13: Mr. Party Foul Guy

By: John A. Heath  
Features Editor

Today we salute you, Mr. Party Foul Guy, as you are the embodiment of a walking drunken *faux pas* and a belligerently bothersome thorn in the side of every SU party. Effortlessly, you succeed at annihilating the 'good party' factor, serving as the buzz kill boy at every collegiate gathering. Let us review a typical party-going experience of someone of your ilk.

Upon entrance, a more sober you would have noticed the expression of dismay on your host's face. "The party doesn't start for like another 10 minutes," he would say, "and no one ever comes until like 20 minutes after it starts." You respond to this by giving the host a big wet kiss on the cheek and covering him with an uncomfortably long bear hug.

Immediately forgetting the unwanted guests you brought along, you enter the house screaming, "PARRRRRT-EEEEEE! Here comes the life of the party! Get louder and drop your trousers!" After twenty paint-less minutes of looking in every cupboard and under every cushion for "the good stuff," other guests finally arrive, unfortunately for them, under the impression that you would be the main spectacle

of the evening.

In order to pump some fun into the event, you grab a five-foot potted plant and commence to ball-

After several drinks, you feel the sensation of impending urination, and sneak off to one of the rooms, thinking it to be the bathroom, but instead you find a pile of coats on the bed. In these circumstances, what could make a better toilet than a heap of over-coats? Needless to say, the coats won't be happily worn by the attendees at the end of the evening.

Following your 'leak of the ages,' you continue to pound someone else's beers through the night, repeatedly spilling the contents on the carpet and on the shirts of buxom football players. Becoming like a ping-pong ball bounced from one pissed-off guest to another, you feel nausea creeping up on you. Instead of making your way to the bathroom, or even outside, you walk over to the punch bowl and dislodge whatever contents had

eased your way into the corner of the room, searching for something else to liven up the party. And voila, you find the keg.

Hoisting the keg upon your shoulder, you are insistent on making your mark on the party. Like Atlas bearing the weight of the world, you take charge of the keg and walk out the door to the balcony. Thinking a good keg toss will do the trick, you jettison the drum over the edge, and it lands on nothing else than the front hood of your host's car: the ultimate party foul.

The angered host begins to chase you with a broomstick and you hide in a closet, just as the cops arrive due to a neighbor having tattled on the keg-throwing incident. As the party gets busted, you pass out in the closet and vomit once or twice in the umbrella holder.

Congratulations, Mr. Party Foul Guy, you have once again successfully splattered the party factor at yet another gathering: Mission Accomplished. So, try to lay off the booze, and drink some post-hangover bottled water, as we salute you, because perhaps then you can become less of a humongous chancery on the loins of every party.



By Merl Click

After miraculously receiving a verbal invitation to a celebratory shin-dig - the host likely unaware of your party fouling reputation - you immediately begin to plan your pre-gaming activities. You commence to imbibe some cheap beer two hours before the party so that your social skills and innards will be well-lubricated for the event.

Leaving for the party, you conveniently forget to bring the booze to the B.Y.O.B. gathering, but that's okay, for you can always count on the friendliness of what's-his-name to provide for you.

Meeting three strangers on the way to the party, you instantly extend the invitation to these newly found life-mates for the night. Ten

room dance; all the while breaking lamps and bumping into cup holding party-goers. Even though fatigue finally set in and you stopped dancing, other guests are beginning to see that your presence is something less than desirable.

After appalling several party guests surrounding the once delectable punch bowl, you blunderingly

## What's going on? A glimpse of SU's current arts and events



(Left) A bronze horse entitled *Eva* by Andrea Pierso is one of the many exhibits displayed at SU's senior art show this semester. Photo by Constance Mensh. (Above) Justin Garret, Brad Mangiafico, and Bill Courtney played for the Jazz Concert Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wicomico room. Photo by Contessa Crisostomo.



(Left to right) *Vicorian Lady*, a found object, by Monica Forrester, *You've Come a Long Way Baby*, a mixed media piece by Allison Veirs, *Mario's Lamp*, a blown glass lamp by Amber Cowan and *I Hate When I Feel Like I'm Going Around in Circles In Art*, and oil painting by Jess Cross are all on display in the Fulton Gallery as part of the December graduation Senior class art show. Photos by Constance Mensh.

# Students should make the most of winter break

By: Justin Hennaut  
Assistant A&E Editor

The semester is over and it is winter break, a wonderful escape from school. So what might students decide to do? Work, travel, take classes or just relax and unwind. Whatever one decides to do here is how some Salisbury students are spending their winter break.

Since many students move away from home for college, winter break offers a great time for students to catch up with family and friends who they rarely see during the semester.

Junior Shaleeta Whiteside, is going to be doing just that. She says she plans on going back home to see her friends and her old job over break. "I miss my dog the most," she adds.

Some students will be spending the second half of their break traveling. Whether it is for pleasure or study abroad some students will be leaving the country or the state. "I will be spending time with my friends and family before I leave to study abroad," says junior Emily Reeks. Right after New Years she will be leaving for Australia for a semester at Bond University.

While some students are working or traveling, some just like to take the time to rest and relax after a long semester. "I plan on burning my books, taking off my shoes and not getting out of bed until Jan. 26," says one student.

No matter what students choose to do, they should make sure to play it safe and enjoy time off from school because Jan. 26 will come too soon for some.

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## Farewell from the Features Editor, hello to the new

By: John A. Heath  
Features Editor

if they can scrape together the money.

Since most students spend all their money over the course of the semester, winter break is a time for them to build their bank accounts. Some students get to return to their summer jobs for the five week stint in December and January.

Megan Hall, a sophomore, is one of those students who plans to work the break away. "I'm going to be back at the Gap at home," she says.

Other students have to find temporary work. Looking around campus and checking your campus email are great ways to find winter jobs.

Students on athletic teams do not get a break from their training. Runner Lauren Bragg says she has to work and still keep training for track. She adds that she will make time to hang out with her friends back home.

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Crisostomo will likely bring this section more together than ever before. "She's kind of a space cadet sometimes, but she's got her \$#!t together and she can crank out some badass writing," says Smith. "She's funny even when she doesn't try to be."

Boyfriend and confidant, Kevin Banks offers his support of Crisostomo. "[She] is one of a kind. She's kind-hearted, understanding, but that doesn't take away from getting done what needs to be done," says Banks. "When it comes to getting work done, she knows what to do. When it comes to creativity, she has a lot."

"She's got a sense of how to make a story interesting right off the bat," adds Smith. "She's wicked good at busting through articles and editing them really well really fast."

Friend, SU alum, and former A&E Editor Brian Zitzelman, '04 shares his opinion of Crisostomo. "Big Tessie is a smart and funny girl [with] a nickname that is well deserving of its own theme song," says Zitzelman. "She knows a lot about pop culture and people, is a good judge of what's going on. She's very funny, caring, smart and able to stick up for what she thinks even though she's kind of tiny."

When asked what kind of car he thought Crisostomo could be, Zitzelman replies, "She's a mini-cooper, tiny but awesome."

This goodbye would have been even more difficult if it wasn't for the well-qualified and creative Features editor for the next semester. Contessa will certainly bring the Features Section to new heights. It is with fondness and appreciation that this editor bids farewell to a section that has been near and dear to his heart. Have a great winter break and play safe.

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## Tips to avoid floundering during finals

By Contessa Crisostomo  
Assistant Features Editor

other exams of the semester," says Aurora Capps, junior.

The key to avoiding procrastination is to space out the studying. Sophomore Mark Lam agrees with this tactic. "Every semester, maybe a week before finals, I try to make a schedule to spread out everything I need and then each day, go over the material more and more," he says. This practice makes it easier to process and retain information over time, rather than attempting to cram it all in one night.

The truth could be that many students end up cramming for exams due to lack of good study habits. While studying for tests seems as simple as opening up a textbook, there are a few do's and don'ts to follow to avoid burning out, according to several SU students.

Don't study in bed, as it is guaranteed to put one to sleep. Study environment is very important. "I think that going to an environment with the least amount of distractions is key," says senior Nick Wilkinson. Do study in quiet places, such as the library or the Fireside Lounge. Don't study in areas where a computer, TV or music is on, such as a dorm room. Music is said to be only beneficial when studying if it is classical music.

In addition to sleep, the brain also needs food. Not pizza as a study break snack, but well-balanced meals. The body needs the right combination of sleep and nutrition to build up enough energy for the strenuous week of finals.

So before heading into the battleground of finals week, students should follow these tips to aid in preparation for slaying those final exams.

### Do's

- Choose a healthy study environment, somewhere that's quiet with minimal distractions, i.e. the library.

- Give yourself plenty of time to sleep.

- Space out studying in order to avoid cramming. Also critical in preparing for cumulative exams.

- Eat well-balanced meals on a regular eating schedule.

### Don'ts

- Don't study in bed because it usually induces sleep.

- Don't pull all-nighters because during exam time you're more likely to retain less information.

- Don't procrastinate. Give yourself enough time to get everything done: this will also reduce stress levels.

- Don't underestimate exams. It is better to be over-prepared than under-prepared.



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## U2's *Atomic Bomb* mushrooms into rock's stratosphere, lays to waste the competition

By Tiffany Chestnut  
A&E Editor

U2 exploded back onto the charts last week with their release *How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb*. According to Launch.com, the Irish band mates sold 840,000 albums in the first week of release in the U.S., sending them well on their way to solidifying the title of Greatest Rock Band in the World, which they sought during the Elevation tour in 2001.

The upbeat, catchy single "Vertigo" is already a favorite, having climbed to number three on the adult alternative, contemporary and modern rock charts. It starts the album off on a panic high, which Bono referred to as "electric shock treatment" on the band's official website. The ensuing songs roll through at a slower pace only to pick up rhythm again at the end.

However the one song of more

Other album tracks including "Love and Peace or Else," "City of Blinding Lights," "A Man and a Woman" and "Miracle Drug" are sure to become hits as well. The sound and style of this album are a combination of their previous release, *All That You Can't Leave Behind*, and the classic U2 sounds from albums like *War* and *The Unforgettable Fire*.

In fact, "City of Blinding Lights" is a little reminiscent of "Two Hearts Beat as One," while "A Man and a Woman" reminds fans why Bono once said—a little less delicately—that U2 makes songs to make love to. Your Own." Bono wrote it for his deathly ill father and later sang the young Bono holding up a white flag and waving it over the

## Former "Sex in the City" writer dishes on why "He's Just Not That Into You"

By Lindsey Richman  
Staff Writer

He says that he will call, so sitting by the phone and waiting seems like a good idea. He said he would call at 7 p.m. and it is now 8:30 p.m., so she thinks up every plausible excuse. When the end of the night rolls around, the realization that maybe he is not going to call settles in. So she calls him—and he does not answer.

In their new book "He's Just Not That Into You," "Sex in the City" writers Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo advise women to never call a guy if he does not keep his promise to make that phone call. "He's Just Not That Into You," is full of do's and don'ts specifically targeting women in unhealthy relationships and reads like packaged common sense.

Some of the chapters include: "He's Just Not That Into You if he's not asking you out," "He's Just Not That Into You if he's not calling you," and "He's Just Not That Into You if he only wants to see you when he's drunk."

Several women sent their male "issues" to Behrendt and asked him to respond. In the chapter "He's Just



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## Musical Theater gives Politics a sexy side

By Abby Smith  
Staff Writer

I'm sexy!"

A little while later, during "Aquarius" from *Hair*, he again went over to Dudley-Eshbach, and gave her what can only be described as a full lap dance, which lasted for quite some time. Dudley-Eshbach did not seem to mind being involved in the production, and the audience unanimously loved it.

The show was broken down into four segments, each showcasing a different theme essential to politics: "Politicians," "National Pride," "Romance," and "Social Issues." Boasting a cast of 27, and featuring SU student Brian Gilmore on piano and Daniel Griffin on percussion, the Musical Theatre ensemble gave a powerhouse performance.

Although the ensemble delivered an incredibly energetic performance the entire evening, several numbers stood out among the others.

By far, the highpoint of the "Politicians" section was "The Side Step" from *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*. Christopher Bramer's amazingly comedic performance had the audience in hysterics, making it difficult to hear his powerful voice over the raucous laughter from the audience.

Despite intermittent microphone problems, the technical aspects of the show were flawless. The lightning was very effective, and a projection on the backdrop curtain helped to set the scene for each number.

In "If I Became President" from *I'd Rather Be Right*, he managed to work his way over to the President's front row seat and briefly seduce her with his captivating dance moves while singing "I can't help it if Janet thinks

# A&E

## SSO winter concert brings holiday favorites, new selections

By Tiffany Chestnut  
A&E Editor

our community."

Other selections lending to the diversity of the program include "Egmont Overture" by Beethoven, "Christmas Day" by Gustav Holst (which is performed in conjunction with the SU Chorale and Chamber Choir), "Hatikvah-The Hope" (based on the Israeli National anthem) and "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by Bach.

Sponsored by Price Buick Pontiac of Salisbury, the concert also features a guest appearance by Santa Claus.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors, \$5 for children and one free for SU faculty, students and staff.

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## Kat's Rant of the Week: Sexual orientation in film

By Kat Hess  
Photo Editor

screen, but hey, why don't we smash some more skulls?

None of this makes sense to me, why the general public will embrace violence and spurn love. I just cannot fathom this. Why are we so scared of people who are in love? Why are we so scared of people seeing this?

Lesbianism has been embraced a little bit more in mainstream culture, but at the expense of love.

Movies or TV shows which are not offered on a premium TV channel will glorify women together if the purpose of showing it is for sex. If both the women are attractive, and making out or groping, the public will not complain, but if they are in love? Not so much. However, homosexual men, seem to be glossed over in everything; it is debatable if this is worse or better in comparison to homosexual women.

I haven't watched a lot of

# SPORTS

## SU sports have an incredible fall season all around

By Shawn Nisson

Staff Writer

A National Championship team, a National Semi-Finalist team, two teams with unblemished regular season records and five out of the seven fall sports claiming conference titles, with the two teams who didn't win conference titles coming in second. A total of nine players selected to all-regional and national teams, and 21 players selected to their respective all-conference teams. The throng of athletes that have been compiled here at Salisbury is amazing.

The Gulls football team has seen a stark improvement over the past three years, going 9-2 in 2002, 7-2 in 2003, and then 10-1 this year, finishing the regular season undefeated. The Gulls earned a berth to the playoffs for the second time in three years, while winning their first Atlantic Central Football Conference title on the way. Over the past three seasons the Gulls have won an incredible 26 out of

31 games.

All that the Gulls field hockey team did this year was achieve a perfect 22-0 and repeat as National Champions, with five Gulls being named to the STX/HFHCA All-South region team. The Gulls defense was dominant, allowing only 18 goals in 22 games, with opposing teams averaging a measly 5.1 shots per game. The Gulls will carry a school-record 33 game win streak over the past two years into next season.

The women's soccer team found themselves fall just shy of a conference championship losing to Mary Washington on penalty kicks in the title game. Their record of 10-6-3 makes it 10 out of the last 11 seasons that the Gulls have posted a double digit win total.

The fact of the matter is this: Salisbury University is a powerhouse in sports, and if they were any doubt before this past fall season it has been completely dispelled.

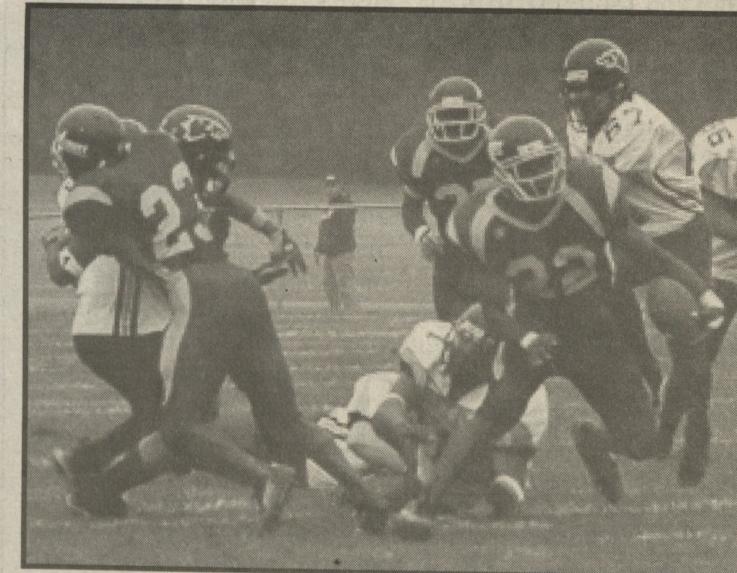
The Seagulls volleyball team earned its third conference cham-



During their game against Mary Washington College, Salisbury Field Hockey came out on top with a final score of 6-0.



Above: Men's soccer overtook Arcadia in overtime by well-placed penalty kicks. Top Right: Once again Salisbury Football pulls off another victory with a score of 35-18 in a game versus Wesley. Bottom Right: Salisbury Football overtook Kean by a tremendous score of 44-0 during the homecoming game on October 16.



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## SPORTS

# Student Athlete Spotlight: Sports Editor and Cricket expert Kevin Froehlich has hidden talent

By Kevin Froehlich

Sports Editor

Kevin Froehlich is a sexual tyrannosaurus with a body not unlike Lou Ferrigno, according to Ferrigno's father. Among his many athletic achievements here at Salisbury, three quickly come to mind: an astonishing fifth place in the faculty squash tournament, two consecutive DQs in his only two International Power Hour appearances, and a near victory, in his words, in the 2002 Turkey Trot, finishing 275 out of the 279 runners who entered. Currently, he is undergoing vigorous training six days a week so that by 2006 he will be able to perform The Famous Poop-and-Puke on cue. After taking a break from recording with the Los Lonely Boys on their new album,

*Fine, sir, we'll move on. Could you describe your workout routine?*  
I usually wake up early, scratch, do some pilates, then hit the cardio hard and often. Next I do advanced pilates, and then a lot of calves and traps, about four to six times a week. Gotta have the calves and traps, vital to the cricket game. Then I max out every muscle in the body before jumping into the

*shower and beginning my two-hour posing routine under the watchful eye of my personal trainer.*

*But people do know.*  
Don't sell me that, hippie. I'm not buying.

*Why are you so awesome?*

Man, that's like asking, "Why do leaves grow on trees?" Nobody knows that.

*I've found out you played a year of baseball at Salisbury. How has the team changed since your departure?*

That's not me.

*Hold on...*

*Next question.*

*But this one not only has your autograph on the back, but on the actual picture itself your face is circled with a line extending from it that reads, "That's me. That's Kevin Froehlich."*

It's a hell of a forgery.

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## BCS system cheats college teams

*By Aaron Baker  
Staff Writer*

College football will have another controversial postseason finish courtesy of the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) system that continues to cheat many schools. The NCAA still apparently has not learned that a computer system deciding who plays in the championship does not work after USC was left out of the Sugar Bowl last season.

The BCS determines who plays in the championship game, which this season happens to be the Orange Bowl, by averaging out teams' win-loss record, strength of schedule and poll rankings. This bizarre system also decides the two at-large teams that play in the three other major bowl games (Rose, Fiesta and Sugar) after the winners of major conferences (ACC, Big East, Big Ten, Big XII, Pac-10 and SEC) are given the automatic spots.

The purpose of the BCS system is to determine the two best overall football teams in the country that should play in the national championship game. As of right now, the BCS rankings are saying that undefeated USC and Oklahoma belong in the Orange Bowl.

The problem that usually results in this system is there's always a third party, like Auburn, who also has an undefeated record.

Unless Auburn wins the SEC title game and USC or Oklahoma choke in their season finale, they're perfect season will be useless. Auburn does not deserve to play in a consolation bowl after a mistake free season just because a computer system says two schools with the same record are just a little stronger.

Football teams in smaller conferences like Conference USA, Mountain West and WAC always get ripped off

by this system because their strength of schedule isn't up to par with the schools from the major conferences. The Mountain West's Utah will actually get a spot in one of the BCS games thanks to their undefeated season, but they're still getting shafted by not playing for a national title. Then there's Boise State, which also has a perfect record, that's not even going to play in one of the four BCS bowls but instead the Liberty Bowl.

It's sad, but true, for the minority schools because there's no point in even going to training camp during the summer when knowing a perfect season with no losses and even some wins over some big name teams is not going to cut it for the computer's standards. Even if a big name school loses the first week in the season they can still start packing for one of those bowls sponsored by so and so.

Why can't college football have a normal playoff system like everyone else? It's a simple and exciting system where either you win or go home. Almost every sport at every level has this or something similar to it; even pee-wee football has it. More importantly, it would give every school a fair chance at the national title heading into the season.

Oh, but wait, the revenue the cities and businesses make from these bowl games will disappear with playoffs. These bowl cities host these games and would make more revenue because more people would actually go to a playoff game with more on the line than "Loser Bowl Champion." Television ratings would also increase with each game having importance unlike just one championship game.

If the BCS dumped this pathetic system it will only benefit everyone.

## SPORTS Mr. Mizia predicts the next two months on NFL

*By Jeff Mizia  
Staff Writer*

When the next issue of *The Flyer* comes out, Ricky Williams will still probably be looking for the meaning of life but more importantly, we will know who will be playing in Super Bowl XXXIX. For the time being, though, let me give you some master-minded predictions for the next two months of the season.

It's almost a guarantee that Peyton Manning will break the record for most touchdowns thrown in a season, so that area needs almost no further discussion. He's on pace for more than 50, which is incredible. With this record-breaking year it looks like Manning will be grabbing MVP honors all alone this year.

Sticking with my other co-MVP from the mid-season, Terrell Owens looks to clearly be the best acquisition, as he will finish second in the MVP race only because of Manning's impressive feat. However, if T.O. can continue his pace and chemistry with Donovan McNabb, then he too could come very close to Jerry Rice's 22 receiving touchdowns in a season.

No rookie has done a better job than Ben Roethlisberger, and he will grab rookie of the year honors, while his division foe Ed Reed will snag the Defensive MVP award because of his ability to win games single-handedly for the Ravens. Marty Schottenheimer

will take Coach of the Year honors for marching San Diego from dead last to first in its division.

The Skins will fight for the No. 1 draft pick because of their hor-

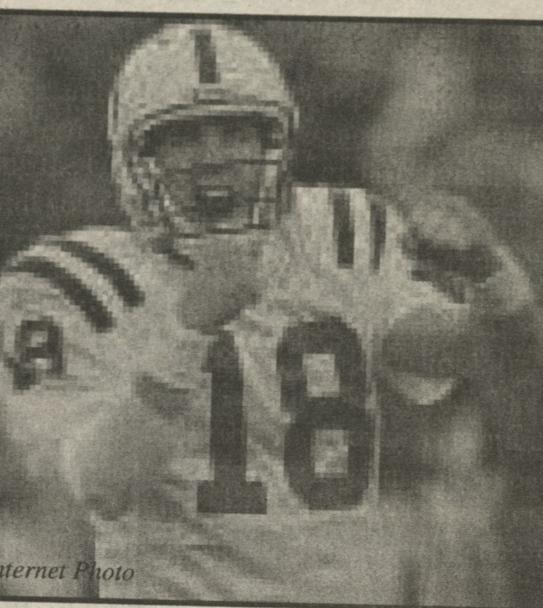
piles of paper stacked all throughout your room and look at my past predictions you'll find that many of my playoff teams are still very much alive. Philadelphia, Green Bay, Minnesota and Seattle look to be almost locks unless somebody decides to slip up.

Meanwhile, my other two teams in Carolina and New Orleans are still somehow alive at 4-7. However, since both those teams can't make it because of Atlanta, I'm going to go out on a limb and saying that Carolina miraculously sneaks in with an 8-8 finish because of how well they are playing right now and because no one seems to want that last

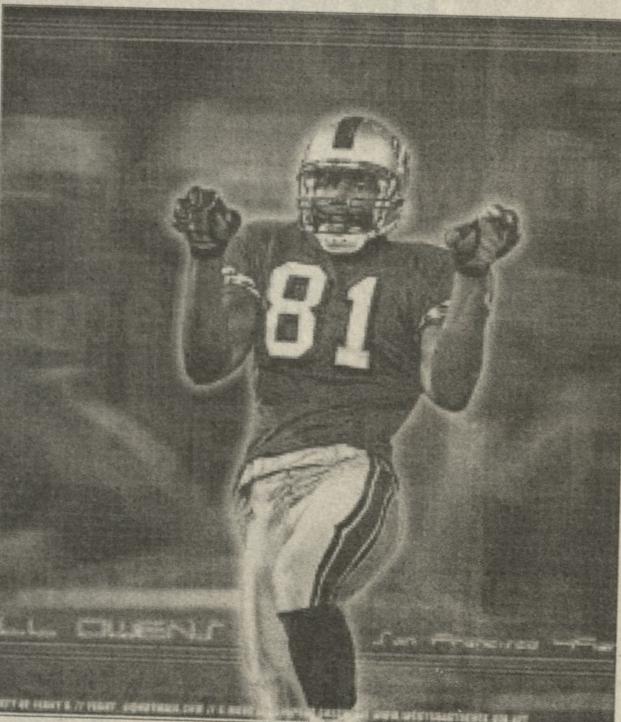
playoff spot. If the Panthers decide they don't want to defend their title look for the G-Men to possibly sneak in if young Eli Manning can start rolling along.

In the AFC I also have four out of six correct so far, with New England, the Jets, Indianapolis and Baltimore. Instead of my terrible predictions of Tennessee and Kansas City, Pittsburgh looks sure to be in the thick of things. Meanwhile, winning the West has to be San Diego because of how well the new "Marty Ball" is looking.

In the playoffs, look for surprising San Diego to meet New England in the AFC championship by upsetting Pittsburgh. Then in the NFC, look for Green Bay to knock off Vick and the Falcons to meet the Eagles in the NFC championship. For the Eagles, since there is no such thing as a curse in sports anymore, it's the fourth time that's a charm and not the third, as they will meet New England in Jacksonville for the Lombardi Trophy.



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Not even Mr. Mizia can predict the next T.O. TD celebration dance. Internet photo.

it's almost a lock that they are now on the clock. As for a new T.O. TD celebration, no one can predict what he will come up with next, but it's sure to be something ridiculous.

Now if you go through those

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## Sea Gull Sports Beat

*By Kevin Froehlich  
Sports Editor*

### MEN & WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Salisbury hosted the Optimist Classic this weekend, with the women's team winning their tournament, while the men took third.

Christen Barney led the Gulls in rebounds (nine), assists (four) and steals (three), also adding 11 points, in a 78-63 victory over Waynesburg Friday.

Jenna Peters scored a team-high 14 points with Meghan Phillips adding 12. Gen Olds and Kiera Watkins each scored 11, as well.

Salisbury (5-2) then crushed Hood 84-51 in the championship game on Saturday, draining an impressive 12 3-pointers in the contest. Barney paved the way for the

offense again, scoring 13 points while adding six assists and three steals. Katie MacFarland came up huge with 16 points and 3 steals, with Megan Dowdy also scoring in double digits with 14. Katie Broder had a team-high six rebounds.

The men did not share the same fortune as the women, however, losing their

Friday game to Alvernia 60-55. Segun Odumeru led Salisbury with 16 points and eight rebounds. Rico Stewart had 12 points and Matt Fohner recorded a team-high 3 assists.

The Gulls were able to avenge their first round loss slightly with a hard-fought 82-78 victory over Montclair State Saturday. Four Sea Gulls scored in double digits.

### UPCOMING GAMES

Men's Basketball: Wednesday at 7 p.m. vs. Frostburg State

Odumeru once again led the team with 23 points, while Sean Rozanski added 20 also. Stewart led the defense with five steals, adding 14 points, as Fohner grabbed a team-high six boards. Kyle Harmon added 10 points, as well.

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## SPORTS

# The adventure in Punkin Chunkin continues

**CHUNKIN** continued from page 7  
many mullets.

THUMP! There it is, there it is... I never saw it. F— it, scream anyways. That's the gist of what happened, ladies and gentlemen. Anyone who said they saw more than a sixth of the pumpkins actually in flight are liars and should be maced. This is what I came for? And people were actually excited about it? Where the hell am I, Dumba—ville? To mock, and most importantly keep my bearings, every time a pumpkin was shot I'd yell, "What distance! What majesty! Victory!" The hicks loved it. Ah, simple people, so easy to please.

Great moment: After a few minutes without launches, Sutton got fed up and screamed out to no one in particular, "Will somebody please shoot a damn pumpkin!" On cue, a lady around 50 walking by answered, "Who cares," and continued on. Sutton replied the only way he could, "She s— on me. She just s— on me."

Around one I decided it was time to finally do something productive, so I grabbed Jace and we headed off to mingle amongst the locals. Seeing only two pumpkins, both flying off course into the parking lot but unfortunately not picking off an unsuspecting bystander, I was through with the contest. It was time to see what else Punkin' Chunkin' could give me.

All I had to do was walk 100 yards and I entered a carnival.

There was everything there, from pizza stands to rigged games to remote-control NASCAR racing (of course) to the "Skool Zone," a tent devoted entirely to shelves of dip.

THUMP! "What distance! What majesty! Victory!"

But then I saw it. Quite possibly the greatest gift cowboys have ever given to mankind: the mechanical bull. It viciously discarded a youngster of ten like Bluto with an empty liquor bottle and the ten beers inside me insisted I be the one to conquer the beast. I handed my Solo cup to Jace, slammed five dollars on the counter, signed the waiver (which could've said if I died they weren't liable for all I cared, I just wanted to ride the damn thing), strapped on a glove and straddled my white whale.

At first the bull moved gently, like with the girl in the Hardees commercial. Naturally, I swung my

left hand in the air like the jerk—a—I am. Then it picked up. And picked up. All of a sudden I was leaning to my left, my right leg curling the outside for balance as my hands grasped the rope around the bull's neck in sheer desperation until I was tossed away like a finished cigarette. Inverted in flight, my neck and upper back collided with the cushioned barrier, ending my ride after just 20 seconds. Proud of my effort, I finished the beer that was waiting for me, and from then on the rest of the day is sort of crunched together. Here's what I got from my notes:

4:18 — Brandon finds out I'm taking notes for an article and invades my personal space. He won't leave until I promise to put him in it. I hate him, too.

4:19 — A white Chevy Trailblazer spins out as it attempts to leave, spraying loads of dirt onto a nearby green Dodge Caravan. We laugh hysterically as the Trailblazer speeds off before anyone in the Caravan can retaliate. Bush then overthrows Pegelow and hits the Caravan with our football. We're hated even more.

4:25 — Road dogs leave to a standing ovation. I swear I hear someone yelling, "Yee-haw" as they fire gunshots in the air. It kind of grows on you.

4:35 — Andy is extremely upset that he has blown only a .14 on Bush's breathalyzer.

4:41 — Pegelow tells Bush he's driving the Neon home. "You gotta keep drinking then," I say. "Of course," Pegelow agrees.

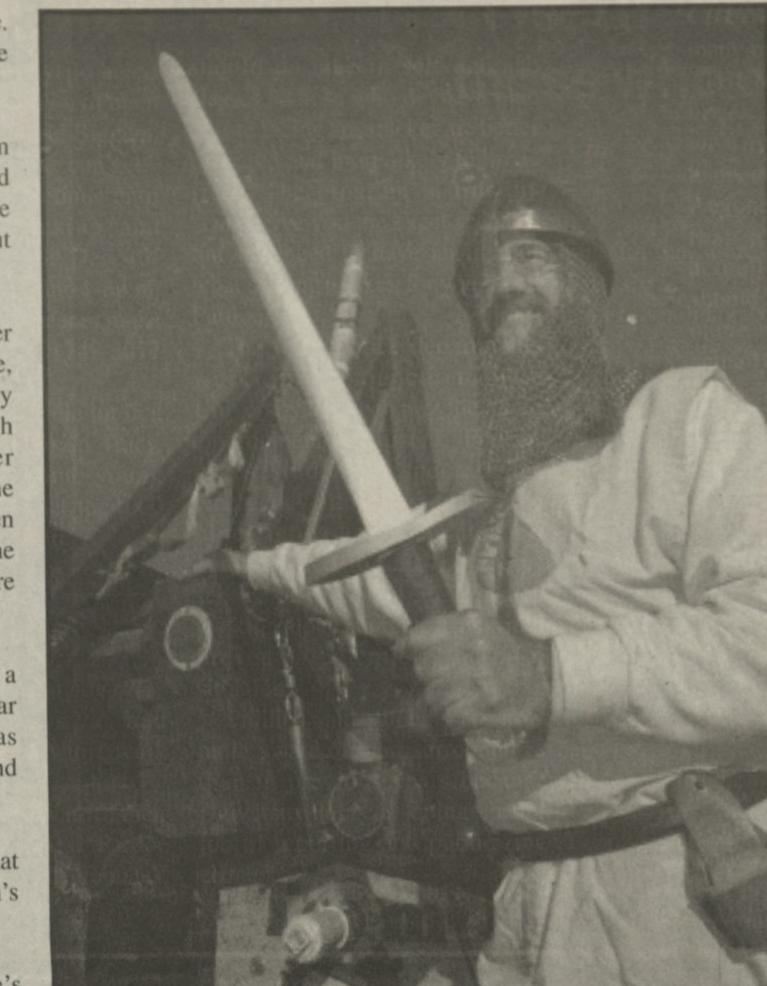
4:47 — Three guys are pushing a black Civic that's on empty out of the lot. The fourth guy is just standing on the door not pushing while the driving is hitting the breaks. One word: Brilliant.

5:00 — Bush spots a fire so we head over. There is a group of thirty-somethings relaxing, telling stories. Only one, an Asian man wearing a Notre Dame hat, talks to us. Bush feels it necessary then to display his breathalyzer to him. Asian guy gives him an odd look and slowly moves away without breaking eye contact.

5:30 — We start our own fire with twigs and branches from the woods. A group of us sing "Song of the South" is sung. Galen notices the wood needs to be spread more evenly. "Unbelievable!" I scream. "Galen's grabbing the fire!" "Well, he's an unbelievable person," Bush says.

4:10 — We get some road dogs next to us with whom Johnson has befriended to take a group picture of us around the Yukon. I accidentally spill beer on Pegelow's foot to which he replies,

"Froehlich spilled beer on my shoe. I f—— hate you." I threw more on for good measure.



*Bob Carbo of Raleigh, NC as captain of the "Onanger" catapult said he has been coming to the world famous event since 1995. Photo courtesy of the News Journal by Gary Emeigh.*

## Official Rules of Punkin' Chunkin'

- Founded in 1986 by John Ellsworth and Trey Melson, Punkin' Chunkin' has grown considerably to a nation wide recognized event. Here are the official rules of a Punkin' Chunkin' contest:
- 1. The machine with the longest distance wins this class. Pumpkins must weigh between 8 & 10 pounds.
- 2. Pumpkin must leave the machine intact.
- 3. No part of the machine shall cross the firing line.
- 4. No "wadding" (including bean chaff, straw, foam, metal, or any other object, or foreign matter).
- 5. No explosives are allowed!
- "Compressed air only (no other gases allowed)
- 6. Pumpkin must be loaded before Pressurizing tanks, and Official must see you load it
- 7. Machines using compressed air must have a check valve on the fill line for the tank and must be rated at the vessel working pressure.

8. Any machine that shoots out of the field of play will be allowed 3 hours to have spotters locate your Pumpkin. The field of play is defined as not being in the woods. If it is spotted up to the wood line it is considered in the field. If in the field of play you will not need the 3 hours location time.

more kindling in.

5:58 — The real cops come and extinguish the fire. Mass chaos ensues. Sean is pulled aside and threatened by cops. I'm pushed into the Yukon as Jace continues to drink.

6:01 — We're back on the road.

"USA! USA! USA!" chant begins. "Kfro!" Jace yells. "Get me a f—— beer!" Punkin' Chunkin' is officially over.

It's 6:15 p.m. and I have just laid my head back and closed my eyes to pass out. Man, I'm such a p—

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Vegetarian (Onion, Tomato, Lettuce, Avocado)	3.00
<b>Lighter Fare</b>	
On The Side	
Potato Chip	2.50
Pub Style	2.50
Chips • Avocado • Tomato • Spinach	3.00
<b>Hot Sandwiches</b>	
ON THE SIDE	
Pasta Salad	2.50
Big Mac	2.50
Chicken Sandwich	2.50
Spicy Chicken Sandwich	2.50
French Onion Sandwich	2.50
Smoked Turkey & Sundried Tomato	4.95
Smoked Turkey & Swiss	4.95
Smoked Turkey & Provolone	4.95
Three Cheese Ranch Wrap	4.95
Smoked Turkey & Roast Beef	4.95
Smoked Turkey & Lettuce	4.95
Smoked Turkey & Cheddar	4.95
Grilled Chicken Caesar Wrap	4.95
Smoked Turkey & Bacon	4.95
Smoked Turkey & Lettuce	4.95
Smoked Turkey & Lettuce & Bacon	4.95
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<b>Espresso Bar</b>	
White French Press	2.75
Coffee Melt	2.75
Hot Ham & Cheese	2.75
Tuna Melt	3.95
Vegan Melt	3.95
Naan Bagel Melt	2.75
Romeo Dog	1.85
Club Dip Melt (Flavor of the Month)	1.85
Crab Dip Melt (Flavor of the Month)	1.85
Double Dip Melt (Flavor of the Month)	1.85
French Fries	1.75
Country Brownie	1.75
Blonde	1.75
Pumpkin or Banana Muffin	1.50
Cookie & Cream Pie (Melt)	2.25
Big Cookin' Pie	1.25
Battery Choco	1.50
Filled Croissant	1.60
Sticky Fins	1.75
Good Morning Muffins	1.01
Danish Purple Petunia	1.45
Big Cookin' Pie	1.25
Battery Choco	1.50
Croissants	1.05
Crunchies	1.05
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## Men's basketball wipes out Gallaudet

By Aaron Boker  
Staff Writer

The Salisbury Men's Basketball team won their first Capital Athletic Conference game of the season at the hands of Gallaudet 75-55 Wednesday night. Sophomore guard Segun Odumeru's 22 points, eight rebounds and four blocks led the Gulls.

"It feels great, we're in first place in the conference. It's the first time Salisbury can say that in a while," said Coach Steve Holmes.

The Sea Gulls (3-2, 1-0) got off to a fast start, grabbing an early 8-2 lead that was highlighted by a one-handed Odumeru dunk, set up by a steal. The Bison (3-3, 0-1) slowly cut away at the lead to get to 12-12 midway through the first half.

Sophomore guard Ronald Jackson drained a 3-pointer on Salisbury's next possession that sparked a 12-0 run over a span 3 1/2 minutes. After Gallaudet's Brendan Stern finally ended the Bison's scoring drought, the two teams traded punches for the rest of the first half and headed into the locker rooms with the Sea Gulls up 36-24.

The Bison came out fighting in the second half, putting up an 11-2

run to cut Salisbury's lead to 38-35, forcing the Sea Gulls to take a timeout. Salisbury quickly rebounded from a slow second half

however, as the Sea Gulls took control through the final whistle.

"Our main key was to set the tone from the start," said Holmes. "We



Photo By Peter Staubs

start to score 12 unanswered points and eventually go on an 18-2 run for a 56-37 lead, courtesy of a pair of 3-pointers from sophomore guard Sean Rozanski and another one-handed jam from Odumeru off a steal from junior guard Derrick Washington.

"[I told them during the timeout] you can bend but don't break, just keep fighting and do what we did to get us the lead, and it worked out," said Holmes.

Gallaudet tried to stage one more comeback, going on an 11-2 run to cut the lead to 58-48 with 8:24 left on the game clock. It wouldn't be enough,

played defense and pressured them right from the tip."

Odumeru led the Sea Gulls' scoring attack with help from Rozanski who got nine of his 12 points off the bench from beyond the three point line. Salisbury's strong defense was guided by Odumeru and senior center Matt Fohner's six rebounds and four steals from Washington. Salisbury shot 29-55 from the field good for a .527 field goal percentage to go along with shooting 8-15 with a .533 percentage from the three-point range.

The victory over Gallaudet is a strong one for the Sea Gulls after a 79-54 loss at Virginia Wesleyan Monday night and an 89-84 loss to Washington College at home the week before.

"We shook it off. We know the conference is the most important thing to us," said Holmes. "We played like it was a championship game and played solid from start to finish."

The Sea Gulls' next game will be at home Wednesday night at 7 p.m. against Frostburg State. Salisbury will hit the road on Saturday to face conference foe York at 2 p.m.



Photo By Peter Staubs

## Women's basketball pulls ahead with nine-point lead

By Noah Wood  
Staff Writer

Salisbury's women basketball team played a really intense game against Gallaudet Wednesday, pulling out an 86-75 victory at Maggs Gymnasium.

The Sea Gulls began their third game of the season opening up a slight lead. Salisbury continued into the first half with a slight lead over the Bisons, who were nipping at their heels. With 9:43 left in the first half, Gallaudet managed to tie the score at 20-20, but mere seconds later the Gulls came back and took the lead once more at 22-20. Then, senior captain Gen Olds hit a 3-pointer, extending the Sea Gull lead to 29-24.



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51, at the start of the second half, but sophomore forward Megan Dowdy made a 3-pointer, putting Salisbury back ahead at 54-52. Dowdy was followed by freshman guard Meghan Phillips' 3-pointer, and then she scored two more points a minute later. Shortly after, Dowdy came back with another 3-pointer and brought the Seagull's up to 62-54.

"It was definitely a different environment, because the other team couldn't speak and the gym was quieter," said Dowdy. "We made adjustments after the first half. The coaches did a great job of recognizing what needed to be done. Gen did a great job telling us what needed to be done."

With about 12:20 to go, Phillips drained another 3-pointer. Two minutes later junior guard Christen Barney hit two foul shots, which put Salisbury up 71-65. The Sea Gulls went on to steadily increase their lead over the Bisons and with 2:15 seconds to go, Salisbury was up 85-73. The Gulls held onto their lead for the remainder of the game and emerged victorious by a score of

86-75.

"Tough first half, much improved second half," said head coach Bridget Benshettler. "I'm glad we won. It was a much needed win because it was a CAC game. The bench played very well."

"I think you gotta give credit to Gallaudet, [they are] a tough and improved team."

"We didn't nearly play to our full potential," said forward Christina Klamp. "I'm glad we won, but not nearly satisfied with our playing."

The next game for the Sea Gulls will be Thursday, Dec. 9 at Washington College in Chestertown.

Gallaudet took a brief lead, 52-